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# 'Bring the farmers back to ByWard'

DEVELOPMENT

## Revitalization plan for Ottawa markets gets OK

Lucy Scholey
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Ottawa city councillors want to revamp the ByWard and Parkdale markets, starting with a $1-million overhaul of the George Street Plaza.

The finance and economic development committee signed off on the "revitalization" plan on Tuesday. If approved at council, the ByWard Market's George Street hub would get new vendor stalls, a "mist feature," horse fountain, public art and illuminated seating.

When former New York City transit commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan visited the city last week, she said William Street could become a completely pedestrian zone. Councillors debated whether to go a step further and ban cars from the entire market.

Jasna Jennings, executive director of the ByWard Market BIA, said this would not suit shoppers. No one will be lugging Christmas trees or potato sacks on the future light rail transit, she said.

Robert Hupe, a maple syrup producer with stalls at the ByWard Market and Lansdowne Park, agreed. When the market moved from Brewer Park to Lansdowne, which offers paid underground parking, his business dropped by about 40 per cent, he said.

He also urged councillors to encourage more local producers at markets, rather than allowing resellers who undercut vendors.

"You have to find a way to bring the farmers back to ByWard," he said.

A city staffer said 64 per cent of ByWard Market vendors sell local produce and 36 per cent are resellers, although there was some debate on the definition of "local."

There will be an information session on the George Street Plaza on May 11.

Non-binary people, who identify as both male and female, or neither, are frustrated they don't have box to tick

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Stay-at-home mom Nancy Tam is a kid at heart inside Toddler Games Ottawa, her new not-for-profit drop-in play space for toddlers and babies, located near the intersection of Bank Street and Walkley Road. The playgroup is open Monday and Tuesday mornings. ERIN MCCRACKEN/METROLAND MEDIA

# Not-for-profit playgroup fills area need: Founder

CHILDCARE

## No decision made yet about expanding schedule

Nancy Tam was nervous.

In the days leading up to the opening of her new not-for-profit drop-in play space for toddlers and babies, Toddler Games Ottawa, the Nepean resident had no idea who would come for the grand opening.

While setting up for the first official play date on April 4 just before the 9:30 a.m. opening, Tam rounded the corner and was shocked to see adults with strollers waiting outside her door.

They were early, and there were a lot of them — moms, dads, toddlers and babies — all waiting to get inside and take their first look at the space, located at 1860 Bank St., near Bank Street and Walkley Road.

Once inside, many of the toddlers made a beeline for the large play area, which has floor-to-ceiling fencing on four sides and wall-to-wall cushioned flooring.

Tam's success began with a single-page flyer advertising her group she had posted on two Ottawa Facebook pages three weeks before opening day. Within a week, Facebook statistics revealed it had reached 29,000 people.

"I went from being anxious that no one was going to come to being anxious that too many people were going to show up," she said with a laugh.

Today, the space is regularly close to capacity, filling up with almost 60 people, on Monday and Tuesday mornings. As a stay-at-home mom of two young children under the age of four, Tam understands its popularity.

"I've been on mat leave twice with them," she said of her son and daughter. Tam has taken them everywhere — playgroups, community centres and events — but said there aren't enough affordable options in Ottawa.

"I've spent a lot of money on those kids," she said. "And just having kids is expensive. Entertaining them is so expensive, and it doesn't have to be."

When her husband and his business partners were in the process of developing their first enterprise, Archery Games, at the Bank Street location, Tam's children would run free and play in the large enclosure usually reserved for archery enthusiasts.

> **Just having kids is expensive. Entertaining them is so expensive, and it doesn't have to be.**
> Nancy Tam

They had a blast and Tam liked being able to help work on her husband's venture, but still be able to keep an eye on her youngsters.

Today, on play date mornings, the space is filled with bouncy castles, an inflatable house and cozy coupe cars.

"It's sports-centered, so there's basketball, there's soccer. We have badminton, golf. There's parachutes," she said.

The idea behind developing a not-for-profit came from wanting to use the space when it wasn't used for archery.

"I want to do it for the community, like a community-centered initiative," said Tam.

The centre has created a buzz among moms, dads, grandparents and home-based daycare providers. Tam said she has also been contacted by city staff who are interested in bringing children attending summer camps.

"I literally thought it would just be the Riverside (Park) community," said Tam, who was shocked that so many parents are coming from as far away as Manotick, Orléans, Stittsville, Kanata and Gatineau. "There is a huge need," she said.

Even though her centre is brand new, already Tam has fielded questions about whether she intends to expand the schedule.

"I haven't decided if I'm going to add anything else," she said.

Tam said she operates Toddler Games Ottawa on a volunteer basis, and the drop-in or monthly fees parents pay just a portion of the costs associated with keeping the space open, as well as for toys and supplies. The drop-in fee per day for each child is $4. There is no cost for adults and babies 12 months and younger.

"The only way I'm able to do this is because I have the connections," Tam said.

ERIN MCCRACKEN/METROLAND MEDIA

**CONTACT**

Toddler Games Ottawa is open Mondays and Tuesdays, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Visit toddlergames.ca, check out facebook.com/toddlergamesottawa or send an email to toddlergamesottawa@gmail.com, or call 613-663-3670.

FUNDING

## Plans for school to go ahead

A $7.5-million provincial cash infusion is the green light the Ottawa Catholic School Board needed to forge ahead with its plans for a new St. Patrick's Catholic Intermediate School in Alta Vista.

The funding will cover the bulk of the cost to build a two-storey, 3,000-square-metre addition at the nearby St. Patrick's Catholic High School, and likely allow it to open in time for September 2018.

"Obviously we would have liked to have had the full amount, but you don't always spend the full amount either," said Ken Kary, the board's manager of planning and construction.

The board applied for $9.7 million. Of that, $8.5 million was for construction and much of the remainder would be set aside for any "extraordinary site costs" the city could require the board to pay for such things as stormwater management.

It's too soon to tell what that will involve and what the price tag will be.

The relocation plan was prompted after the board learned two years ago that the dormant Federal Study Centre, located next to the intermediate school at 1495 Heron Rd., would eventually be sold on the open market.

Public Services and Procurement Canada is now in the process of selling the 7.3-hectare site to the Canada Lands Company, a for-profit Crown corporation. That sale is expected to be finalized sometime this spring.

Though the school and the study centre are on two separately-owned parcels of land, components of them are linked, adding to the complexities if the site is redeveloped.

There are underground walkways connecting the school to the federal buildings, since the entire property had one property owner in the 1960s and early '70s.

The eventual closure and sale of the aging intermediate school will save the board more than $500,000 in operating, renovation and maintenance costs, as well as $7 million in expenses, such as putting on a new roof, over the long term, Fred Chrystal, the board's superintendent of facilities and planning, previously told Metroland Media.

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SCHOOL SAFETY

## Students need safe crossing: Association

Students who live across the street from Notre-Dame-des-Champs elementary school take a bus across the street.

Every student at the school takes a bus, said Bradley Estates Community Association president Yasmine Fathers, because there's no safe place to cross Renaud Road.

"It's fundamental," she said. "You put two schools, put a crosswalk."

Notre-Dame-des-Champs has been open for two years, and a new high school is due to open just down the road and across the street in September.

The Renaud Road schools are located on a stretch of road that's been in a half-finished state for quite some time. The sidewalks are scheduled to be done in September, but the students still don't have a safe way to cross the road.

> **It's fundamental. You put two schools, put a crosswalk.**
> Yasmine Fathers

Members of the community association would like to see a PXO, a pedestrian crossover, near the school.

The city has committed to do a traffic study in the area before the end of the school year to see if it meets the provincial guidelines to install a PXO, said Coun. Jody Mitic's chief of staff, Jeremy Wittet.

But Fathers is concerned that the pedestrian counts along Renaud will be too low to justify a PXO because in a catch-22, the road isn't safe enough to walk along or cross for pedestrians to be out there. But without pedestrians on the road, she worries they won't meet provincial standards. BRIER DODGE/METROLAND MEDIA

FINANCE

## Riverside Park bank branch closing doors

Riverside Park residents are being stripped of their only bank branch in the community, a decision that has prompted River Ward's councillor to file a complaint with a federal banking regulatory body in hopes the decision will be reversed.

In a letter to Frank Bilodeau, vice-president of Scotiabank's Ottawa and west Quebec district, Coun. Riley Brockington said federal rules requiring banks to provide adequate notice and hold a consultation meeting with residents about plans to close the Riverside Mall branch have not been followed.

A meeting between Riverside Park clients and bank officials would have allowed locals to better understand why the branch is being closed after about 40 years.

Local customers were left reeling in recent weeks over plans to close the Scotiabank branch at 751 Ridgewood Ave. on Aug. 12 at 11 a.m.

The decision was made to move customer banking accounts to an existing branch at 2714 Alta Vista Dr., at Bank Street.

The reality is that 80 per cent of banking transactions are now done online, said Heather Armstrong, director of Canadian banking communications for Scotiabank.

To accommodate the needs of Riverside Park customers, Armstrong said banking hours at the Alta Vista branch will be expanded by an hour on weekdays, and it will also be open on Saturdays as of Aug. 8.

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# 'There have been a couple of instances'

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

### Wynne says she handled allegations with Liberal MPPs

Premier Kathleen Wynne said Tuesday that she's had to deal with allegations of sexual harassment against at least two Liberal members of the Ontario legislature since she became party leader in 2013.

However, Wynne wouldn't say who they were, where the allegations came from, or if she asked the accused offenders to leave the Liberal caucus.

"I dealt with them in various ways," she said. "There have been a couple of instances. The situations were confidential, so I'm not going to go into details."

When Progressive Conservative Leader Patrick Brown recently ordered a Tory MPP to get sensitivity training after he told a crude, sexist joke, Wynne strongly suggested that Jack MacLaren should have been booted out of the PC caucus.

When asked Tuesday whether she had expelled any Liberal MPPs from the government caucus or asked them to resign because of unacceptable behaviour, Wynne said she was "not at liberty" to talk about them.

"The conversations have been confidential for various reasons, not the least of which is people who brought complaints forward were not looking for a public process," she said.

Her response prompted Brown to accuse the premier of having a double-standard.

"I think it's typical of this government," he said.

**While Premier Kathleen Wynne** says she has dealt with past sexual harassment allegations against Liberal MPPs. Opposition parties have criticized Wynne for a perceived double-standard after a crude joke was made by PC MPP Jack MacLaren. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **I think it's typical of this government.**
> PC Leader Patrick Brown

The New Democrats said the premier should hold Liberals to the same standards she sets for members of other parties.

"You can't have one set of rules for one group because you can get a political advantage and then have another set of rules for your own group," said NDP Leader Andrea Horwath.

Horwath said "unfortunately" she wasn't surprised to hear about sexual harassment allegations against Liberal members of the legislature, but added she hasn't had to deal with similar situations in her own caucus.

She did, however, say that some NDP members "have talked about feeling uncomfortable with inappropriate touching" that has happened at Queen's Park.

Wynne proposed a Code of Conduct for members of the legislature after MacLaren got into hot water, and said Tuesday the Liberal caucus will be given sensitivity training.

The NDP is planning sensitivity training for its caucus and staff too, added Horwath.

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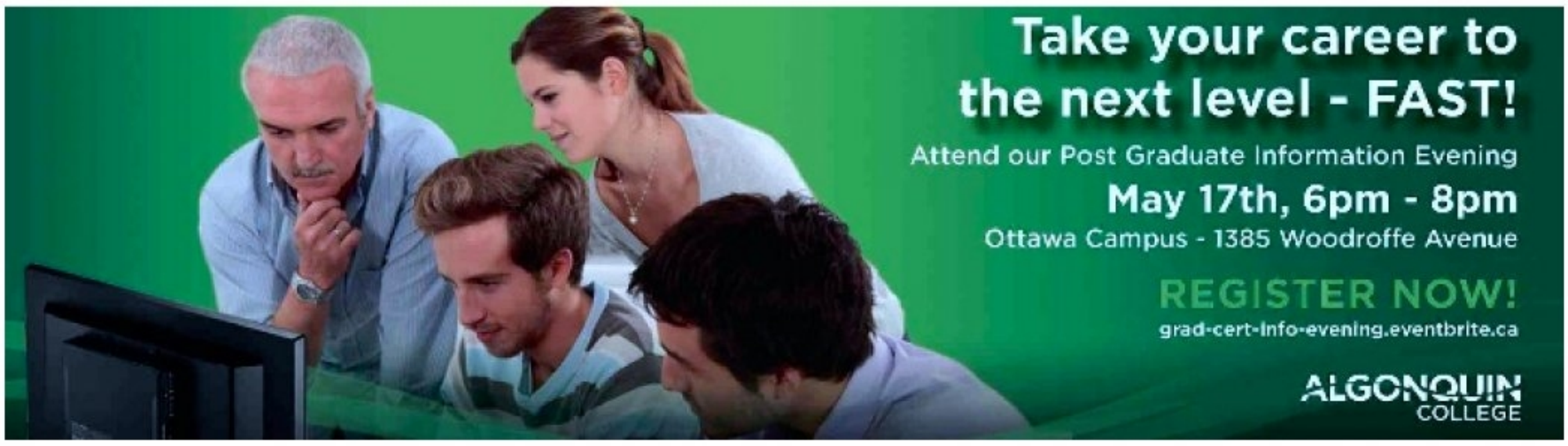
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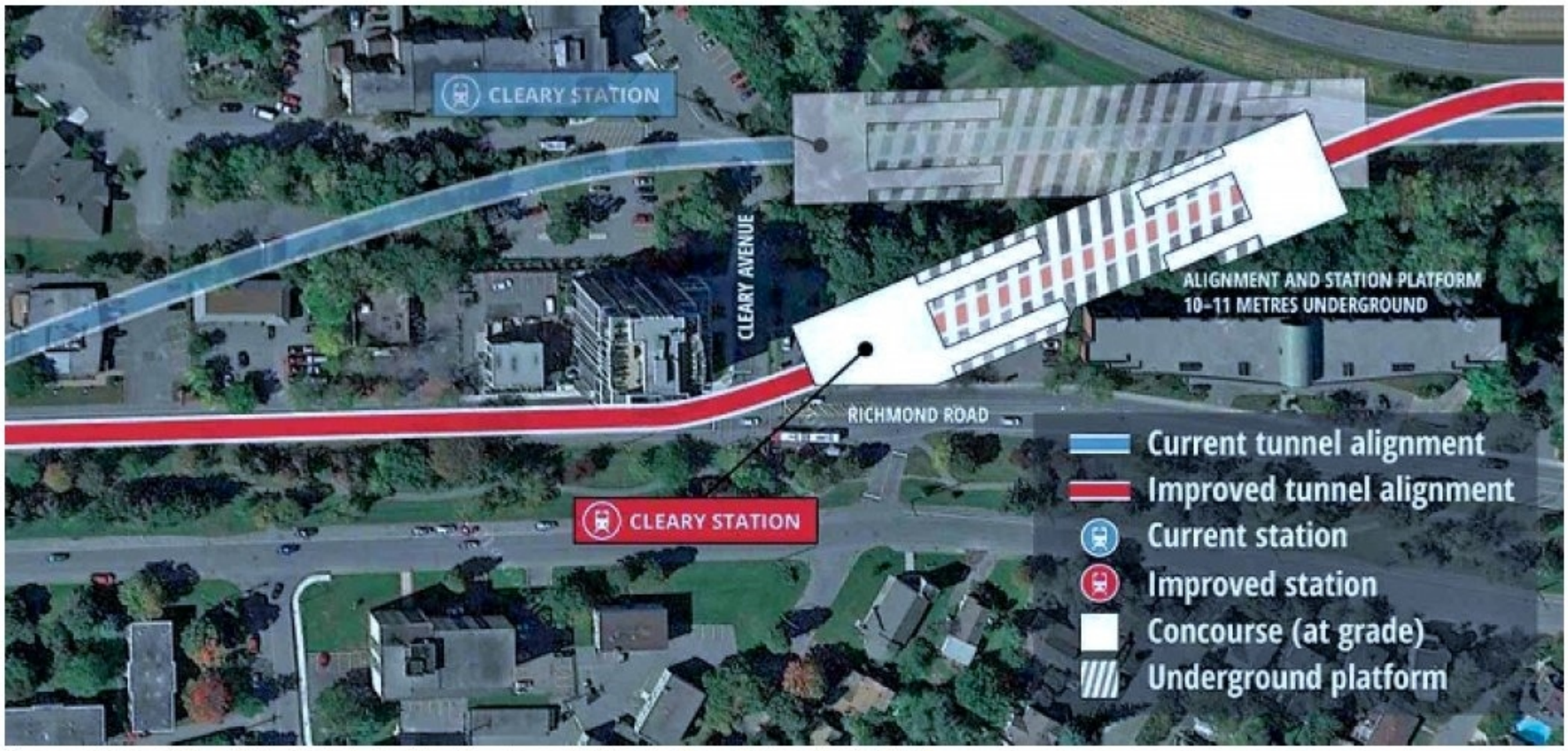


A proposed design of Cleary Station for the light-rail-transit western route. City councillors will vote on the plan May 11. COURTESY CITY OF OTTAWA

# New transit plan, new problems

LIGHT RAIL

## Route dodges church but now irks strip mall

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

First, the city disagreed with the National Capital Commission on a western light-rail-transit plan. Then, a church congregation railed against their agreed-upon route. And now, neighbours near the proposed new Cleary Station are criticizing the design.

It has been a bumpy track for the 1.2-kilometre western leg of the second phase of light-rail transit, from Dominion to Cleary Station. But the city is closer to smoothing it out after the finance and economic development committee approved a tweaked Cleary Station on Tuesday.

City councillors will vote on the new plan May 11. If approved, and if all the funding falls into place, it should be built between 2018 and 2023.

The new proposed route would run through a strip mall at 747 Richmond Rd., rather than tunnelling under the First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa's property on Cleary Avenue.

This bodes well for those church members who spent almost a year protesting the plan. They argued the construction noise and vibrations would negatively impact the seniors living in a retirement home on their property.

But now, neighbours of the new proposed station at Richmond Road are worried about those same impacts.

Lawyer Mary Flynn-Guglietti, who represented the owners of the strip mall at 747 Richmond Rd., said the new route marked "a very quick change in direction" from the original light-rail design proposed last summer. City staff unexpectedly announced the route change in March.

The business owners were planning to redevelop that site, said Flynn-Guglietti, but now they are "being forced to the table" to negotiate a price on the lands or face expropriation.

Randy Gordon, who lives in a condo at 727 Richmond Rd. argued that the train would run very close to the building and that the city's realignment plans are confusing.

Ottawa city staff say workers will vigorously monitor the light-rail-transit construction. The rationale for the change is that the new station would face Richmond Road, which would make it more accessible and visible for cyclists and pedestrians.

Beyond the western leg of the LRT Phase 2, which extends to Bayshore, the finance and economic development committee approved two other changes to the eastern side (to Place d'Orleans). They are as follows:

### Blair Road

Rather than build three new tunnels below Blair Road and two Highway 174 ramps, city staff is proposing a new LRT track that would run in tandem with the future Cumberland Transitway. It curves just north of the previously proposed track. This should decrease construction costs by about $4-5 million.

### Montreal Station

The original plan included a raised track over Montreal Road and Highway 174. Staff recommends shifting the track over the median and relocating the Montreal Station just above Montreal Road. This should cut down on $12 million in capital costs.

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POLITICS

## City manager off to running start

It was only his second day on the job, but Ottawa's new city manager already had his eyes on next year's budget.

Steve Kanellakos said he wants to tackle the city's financial challenges, citing the massive $42-million deficit last year.

"I need to make sure going into the next two years of council that we're on solid financial footing," he said after his first finance and economic development committee meeting on Tuesday.

> "I need to make sure going into the next two years ... that we're on solid financial footing. Steve Kanellakos

Kanellakos has returned home after a short stint as city manager in Vaughan, Ont. Before that, he worked under Ottawa's former top bureaucrat, Kent Kirkpatrick, for 15 years.

For the past month, he has been coming in on weekends to meet with staff and learn more about hot-button files such as the second phase of light rail and LeBreton Flats.

He also wants to better communicate with staff. He's planning on bringing together all 1,500 city supervisors and 500 managers over several days in June to brief them on how he's noticed the city is run. But he wants to hear from them, too.

"They're looking for visible leadership," he said.

Late last year, Kirkpatrick announced he would not extend his contract due to health reasons. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

# When 'male' and 'female' aren't enough

STATSCAN

## Census frustrates non-binary genders

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

The majority of Canadians — including many who identify as transgender — probably didn't think twice about ticking 'female' or 'male' on the new census.

But one group of people — those who identify as both genders, or neither — don't have a box to tick.

We don't know exactly how many since the census doesn't include them, which is frustrating both researchers and non-binary people.

"None of that data really exists anywhere, especially in Canada," said Dillon Black, a member Ottawa's Queering613 collective. "There aren't really any demographics on trans identity and especially non-binary identities."

People like Black, who don't identify with one gender, aren't represented along with intersex people or two-spirited Indigenous people. The census also doesn't differentiate between gender identity and biological sex.

Black said they'd like to see more education around the issue and consultations between Statistics Canada and non-binary people about adding more options in a future census.

Right now Statistics Canada is encouraging non-binary respondents to leave the category blank and indicate a reason in the comments section.

"For the 2021 Census of Population Program, Statistic Canada will again consult with Canadians," spokesperson Annabelle El-Hage wrote in an email.

Sabine Grutter, an independent researcher at McGill University who studies the health of transgender people, said an updated census would also aid research.

"This will be the first population based survey in which we're even getting some indication of whether people are identifying within a binary or outside of it," said Grutter, who also identifies as non-binary.

Grutter was told that Statistics Canada would be compiling respondents who skip the gender question into a special report.

CENSUS

## Canadians welcome long-form's return

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

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The long-form census is back, and it might just be more popular than ever.

Across the country, Canadians are practically bursting with joy as they open their mailboxes to find their 2016 census forms. Many are turning to social media to share the moment with the masses just as they do some of the biggest moments of their lives — weddings, birthdays and the like.

"Got this in the mail and may have squealed. Never thought government paperwork could get me this excited," tweeted Jean-François Claude.

In fact, so many Canadians rushed to fill out the census Monday that the Statistics Canada website crashed.

The jubilant response to the census didn't surprise Matti Siemiatycki, a professor of planning and geography at the University of Toronto.

"I think the census is a symbol. It symbolizes for many people that Canada is back, that evidence and sound decision-making is what this country is based on," he said.

The long-form census was cancelled by the Conservatives in 2010, and its return — brought about by the Trudeau Liberals' rise to power — is particularly good for people those living in major cities, said Siemiatycki.

"The census is a critical resource for city planners and decision makers," he said. "It provides the most extensive picture of who lives in our cities, where they live, what their demographics are, and in many cases what their needs and wants are."

That kind of information will be vital for cities as they decide where to invest new federal funding for things like infrastructure, housing and transit, said Siemiatycki.

EDUCATION

## Many high-schoolers remain for fifth year

Ontario's high school graduation rates are at historically high levels, but many students are still taking five years to complete the four-year curriculum.

Premier Kathleen Wynne announced Tuesday that last year 78.3 per cent of students got their high school diploma after four years, and the graduation rate increased to 85.5 per cent when adding students who took an extra year.

The graduation rates was up 22 percentage points and 17 percentage points respectively from when the Liberals took power in 2003.

"That's a remarkable increase," said Education Minister Liz Sandals.

"It's perfectly permissible for students to take five years, and many are taking five years, but the majority of students who are graduating are doing it in four years."

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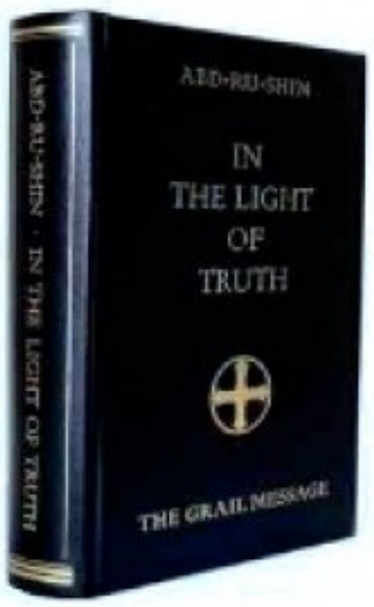


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# Body scanners coming to jails

SECURITY

## Ontario makes announcement after lockdown at local prison

Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

A day before the provincial government announced plans to install full-body scanners in all 26 Ontario jails to increase inmates' safety, the Ottawa jail completed a multi-day partial lockdown due to a weapons search.

The Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre (OCDC) was put into Level 2 lockdown mode Friday to conduct a search of the facility.

Community Safety and Correctional Services Minister Yasir Naqvi's press secretary confirmed the lockdown ended Monday, but did not confirm or deny a report of ceramic blades that were allegedly brought into the jail.

"It would not be appropriate to comment on any specific incident under investigation," Clare Graham wrote in an email.

Inmate visitations were cancelled and the Prison Fellowship program was also suspended in the affected areas under lockdown, said Graham.

"The search is required to ensure the safety and security of the inmates as well as staff at the institution," she said.

Ceramic blades are just the kind of items officials say will now be detectable by these new scanners, which can spot items that metal detectors cannot.

In a six-month pilot project at the Toronto South Detention Centre, the machines also caught marijuana and pills. The pilot, which ended in February, completed 16,427 scans on 86 inmates.

The weapons search comes as Naqvi announced at Queen's Park the province will install the new scanners over the next two years at a cost of $9.5 million. The OCDC will be the first on the list to get the new equipment next month.

"That will be a great help in regards to finding contraband that comes into the institution that our present-day technology does not detect," Denis Colin, OCDC correctional officer and president of the OPSEU local 411, said Tuesday.

Graham said the ministry also beefed up its canine unit at the OCDC from one dog to four to perform scheduled and unscheduled searches of up to nine types of narcotics and some ammunition.

"These initiatives will better allow correctional officers to identify inmates attempting to bring contraband into our correctional facilities," said Graham.

The Ottawa jail has been plagued with problems for years concerning overcrowding, lack of staff, and frequent lockdowns which often result in cancelled visits and programming, such as Alcoholics Anonymous.

In response to these problems and media reports of inmates sleeping in showers, Naqvi announced the creation of a new task force that is in the midst of developing short- and long-term fixes to overcrowding and capacity issues at the Innes Road jail.

The 13-member task force will also develop an "accountability structure" to track the recommendations. The ministry said the group plans to develop an action plan no later than June 1.

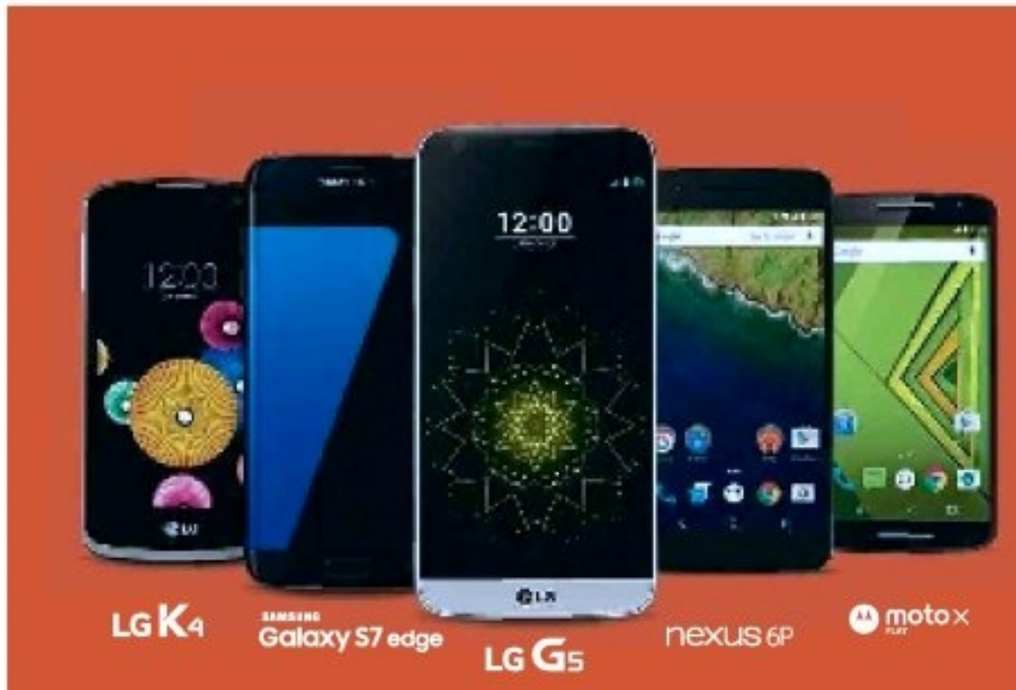
The city's top attorney, Vikki Bair, is among the members working on the project. A local criminal defence lawyer, a member of a MOMS, a mother-led advocacy group for inmates, and an OCDC correctional officer are also members of the task force.

### SHOWING UP

A trial of the body scanners going into 26 Ontario jails suggests they will be able to reveal:

- **Concealed ceramic blades** These were the subject of a search at Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre
- **Marijuana and pills**
- **Other weapons**

Community Safety Minister Yasir Naqvi has announced that full-body scanners will be installed at 26 jails in Ontario over the next two years. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# Veterans' pot use rising

REPORT

## AG urges feds to keep an eye on medical pot program costs

The latest report from the federal auditor general urges Veterans Affairs to get a grip on its medical-marijuana program for injured ex-soldiers, which is expected to cost taxpayers a startling $25 million this year.

Michael Ferguson says it's just one of the programs in which the federal government has critical data available to it that's either not usable, not used or not acted upon at all.

The report tabled Tuesday in the House of Commons also looked at the dire condition of the army reserves, the federal government's inability to detect and prevent refugee fraud and the uncertain impact of the former Conservative government's $400-million venture-capital action plan.

But with medical marijuana for veterans, Ferguson paints a picture of a program out of control.

He says the federal department long ago recognized the need to contain the prescribed pot program by imposing a limit on how much the government is willing to pay per gram, but usage levels and costs continue to climb.

Veterans Affairs has covered medical-marijuana costs since 2008, but more vets have applied since the regulations were overhauled three years ago, sending the cost through the roof. Ferguson says it will soon account for almost one-third of all federal drug coverage for ex-soldiers.

Tuesday's report finds that officials saw the tidal wave of higher medicinal pot expenses coming but did little to prevent it.

"We found that before these new regulations were passed, department officials had identified that they would likely cause an increase in the number of veterans requesting marijuana for medical purposes, increasing the department's expenditures," said the audit.

Officials had documented that commercial suppliers were charging up to $14 per gram, almost triple the federal government's estimate, it notes.

"Despite acknowledging this in advance, it did not establish a dollar limit for covering marijuana for medical purposes."

In 2013-14, there were 112 veterans taking prescribed pot at a cost of $408,000, but by the end of December 2015 some 1,320 ex-soldiers were enrolled at a cost of $12.1 million. That adds up to an average of $9,600 per veteran.

Veterans Affairs Minister Kent Hehr said he accepts the auditor's criticism but noted he's already ordered a review of the delivery of the program.

He did not explain why the department refused to take action but instead focused on consulting with veterans groups and medical experts about the way forward.

"We're taking the time to get this right," he said. "We're going to consult on this and come out with a policy directive in the coming months."

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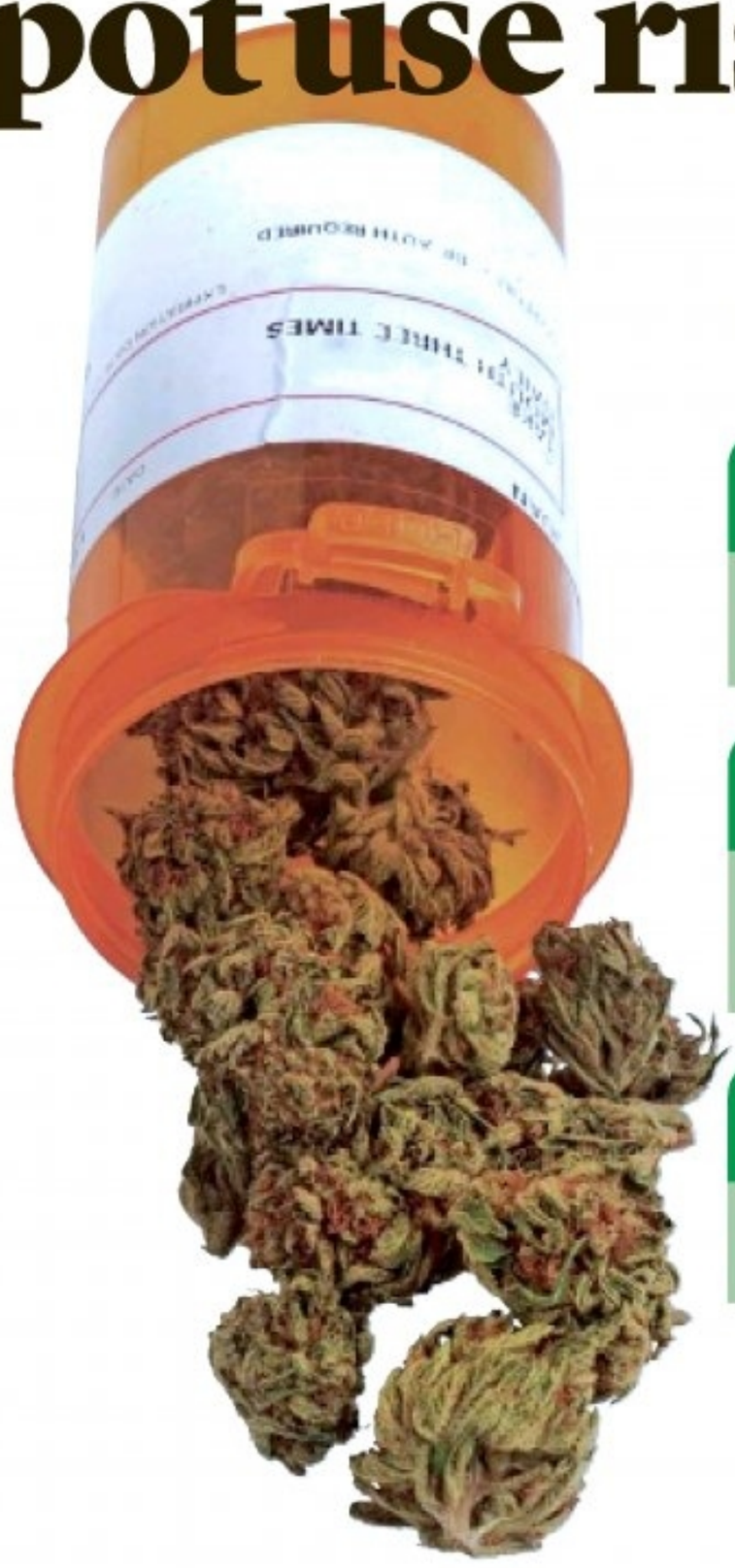

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**$9,600**

Average cost of medical pot per veteran in 2015.

IMMIGRATION

## A dozen citizenships probed

Immigration officials are looking at revoking the Canadian citizenship of about a dozen people after the auditor general found the government isn't doing enough to root out fraud in the citizenship system.

Michael Ferguson's report uncovered instances of people with serious criminal records and others using potentially phoney addresses among those who managed to secure Canadian citizenship thanks to holes throughout not just the Immigration Department but the RCMP and Canada Border Services Agency as well.

The cases flagged represent just a fraction of the nearly half a million people who've become Canadian citizens in the last two years, but that doesn't mean improvements aren't necessary, Immigration Minister John McCallum said Tuesday.

Recommendations related to improving information sharing between departments will be implemented by the end of the year, McCallum said. Another suggestion — that officers be given more power to seize fraudulent documents — is currently in a bill being debated.

Among the cases caught by Michael Ferguson's team: four people who were granted citizenship despite having criminal records that would render them ineligible, and two who were approved despite having committed crimes after passing a criminal background check. The audit also revealed it took seven years for officials to cotton on to the fact a single address had been used by at least 50 different applicants during overlapping time periods.

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# ‘My whole life is burning away’

Smoke fills the air in Fort McMurray, Alberta. THE CANADIAN PRESS

FORT MCMURRAY

## Thousands evacuated as wildfires rage

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Homes have begun to burn in Fort McMurray as residents flee for safety from a blaze that’s doubled in size within a day.

More than 30,000 people have now been ordered to leave Fort McMurray communities.

“My whole life is burning away,” said Jenn Tremblett, who has left for Edmonton. “My home is in Gregoire (Fort McMurray neighbourhood) so it may be gone soon ... My family is trying to get out of town.”

Tremblett said the community of Beacon Hill is on fire, after a nearby Shell gas station blew up.

“It’s very bad,” she said.

Fire officials have extended the evacuation order to 10 communities in the city, including Beacon Hill, Abasand, Waterways, Draper, Saline Creek, Grayling Terrace, downtown, Thickwood, Wood Buffalo and Dickinsfield.

On Tuesday evening, a forestry spokesperson said officials are pulling out crews as it has become prime burning time, adding tomorrow is supposed to be more intense.

Unseasonably hot temperatures combined with dry conditions have transformed the boreal forest in much of Alberta into a tinder box.

Fire officials had already warned earlier in the day that rising temperatures and low humidity could help the fire grow.

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TEMPORARY RESIDENCE

## Oilsands work camps fill with evacuees

Oilsands work camps were being pressed into service Tuesday to house evacuees as a raging wildfire emptied the city of Fort McMurray.

“We’ve made our work camp available to staff and their families who have been evacuated and need a place to stay,” said Cameron Yost of Shell Canada.

“We are looking at getting non-essential people out by aircraft,” said Yost, who added Shell’s camp could accommodate hundreds of evacuees.

Most oilsands projects are well north of the community, while the worst of the flames were on the city’s south side.

Shell’s camp is about 95 kilometres away and remained operating late Tuesday. Still, precautions were being taken.

Officials were also evacuating non-essential staff at Suncor’s base plant, at 30 kilometres away one of the closest facilities to the city, said spokesman Paul Newmarch. Evacuees were moving in to the plant’s work camps.

“We’re providing transportation and accommodation to the region to support the evacuation,” he said. “We’re making whatever we have available to support the evacuation.”

Newmarch said essential workers remained at the plant and production, as of late Tuesday afternoon, was continuing.

> **I don’t know if and when I’ll be going back.**
>
> Will Gibson, a spokesman for Syncrude

Will Gibson, a spokesman for Syncrude, which has a plant about 35 kilometres north of town, was himself one of the evacuees heading north away from the flames.

“People are actually being evacuated toward the plants,” he said. “We’re being instructed to go to work camps in the region and report in there. We’re assuming it will be more than a night.” Gibson said he had to flee his neighbourhood via a grass embankment because the fire had already cut off the road at both ends.

Large work camps associated with oilsands projects can accommodate thousands to house workers who come from as far away as Newfoundland and Labrador. A 2015 municipal census counted 43,000 people in its “shadow” population, a term used for temporary residents who often live in such camps.

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### ABOUT THE CITY

**A look at Fort McMurray, the northern Alberta community in which several neighbourhoods were under an evacuation notice Tuesday because of a wildfire:**

**LOCATION:** Fort McMurray is 435 kilometres northeast of Edmonton on Highway 63, just west of the Alberta-Saskatchewan boundary.

**SIZE:** Fort McMurray is the largest community in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. A 2015 municipal census pegged the population of the region at about 125,000. The urban centre of Fort McMurray had just over 61,000 people, according to the 2011 federal census.

**HISTORY:** Fort McMurray was once a fur trading post. Today, Fort McMurray is best known now as a hub for the oilsands industry, which is the top employer in the region.

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# Cruz quits, Trump wins in Indiana

U.S. ELECTION

## Front-runner still needs 200 delegates for nomination

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz abruptly ended his presidential campaign Tuesday night after falling to Donald Trump in Indiana's primary, a devastating loss that left him with no viable path to the Republican nomination. Trump, considered a fringe candidate a year ago, now is poised to represent Republicans in the fall presidential campaign.

"I've said I would continue on as long as there was a viable path to victory; tonight I'm sorry to say it appears that path has been foreclosed," Cruz told a sombre crowd in Indianapolis.

Cruz campaigned aggressively in Indiana, but could not overcome Trump. The billionaire businessman has stunned the Republican Party with his appeal to voters deeply frustrated with Washington and their own party's leaders.

Trump still must win about 200 more delegates to clinch the nomination. But his victory in Indiana — where he picked up at least 45 of the state's 57 delegates — made it all but impossible for Cruz to block him from doing so.

Before Tuesday's results, Cruz had vowed to stay in the race through the final primaries in June, clinging to the possibility that Trump would fall short of the 1,237 delegates he needs and the race would go to a contested convention.

One outside group trying to stop Trump suggested it would shift its attention to helping Republicans in other races. Rory Cooper, a senior adviser to the Never Trump super PAC, said the group will help protect "Republican incumbents and down-ballot candidates, by distinguishing their values and principles from that of Trump, and protecting them from a wave election."

Only about half of Indiana's Republican primary voters said they were excited or even optimistic about any of their remaining candidates becoming president, according to exit polls. Still, most said they probably would support whoever won for the GOP.

Clinton, too, needs to win over Sanders' enthusiastic supporters. The Vermont senator has cultivated a deeply loyal following in particular among young people, a group Democrats count on in the general election.

Sanders has conceded his strategy hinges on persuading superdelegates to back him over the former secretary of state. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**UNITY**

Whether a united Republican Party is possible with Trump at the helm remains uncertain. Before the Indiana results were finalized, some conservative leaders were planning a meeting to assess the viability of launching a third party candidacy to compete with Trump.

AFGHANISTAN

# Taliban forces 'Messi boy' into exile

The family of a 5-year-old Afghan boy who received autographed shirts from his soccer hero Lionel Messi was forced to leave Afghanistan amid constant telephone threats and a menacing Taliban letter, the boy's father said Tuesday.

Mohammad Arif Ahmadi — whose son grabbed headlines when he was photographed wearing a homemade Argentina shirt with No. 10 on the back — said they have moved to neighbouring Pakistan and settled in the city of Quetta, hoping for a better life there.

"Life became a misery for us," said Ahmadi, speaking to The Associated Press over the telephone from Quetta. He added that the family didn't want to leave Afghanistan, but the threats were just getting more and more serious.

Ahmadi said he feared that his son Murtaza would be kidnapped after becoming an Internet sensation — both at home in Afghanistan and beyond — after pictures of him wearing a Messi shirt made out of a striped plastic bag went viral.

Ahmadi said that at first he was not sure who was behind all the phone calls, and that he thought it might criminal gangs seeking to extort money and falsely thinking the family might have made lots of cash amid the boy's international popularity.

But he said he realized it was the Taliban after he received a call from a local driver in the area who told him he was bringing him a letter.

"It was a letter sent by the Taliban," Ahmadi said.

The Taliban have not commented the case of the 5-year-old Murtaza and their spokesman was not immediately reachable for comment.

The Ahmadi family first travelled to the Pakistani capital, Islamabad, but couldn't stay there long because of the high cost of living. They later moved to Quetta.

**Afghan boy Murtaza Ahmadi plays with a football on Tuesday while wearing a shirt donated and signed by Messi in Pakistan's southwestern city of Quetta.** The boy who captivated hearts after he was pictured wearing a plastic bag as an improvised Messi jersey has appealed to the UN refugee agency after fleeing his home. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

> In the letter, the Taliban asked why my son was not learning the Qur'an in an Islamic school and why I was instead allowing him and encouraging him to play soccer.
>
> Mohammad Arif Ahmadi, Murtaza's father

When the threatening phone calls became more menacing, the family decided to go and "that was the main reason that I left my homeland," he added.

"I sold all my belongings and brought my family out of Afghanistan to save my son's life as well as the lives of the rest of the family," the father said.

The Taliban banned some sports — though not men's soccer — as "un-Islamic" during their brutal five-year reign between 1996 and 2001 and converted the main Kabul soccer stadium into a stage for public executions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOCIAL MEDIA

# Canadian kicked out of Nepal after tweets

A Canadian man has been ordered to leave Nepal within two days after authorities said he posted messages on social media that could disturb social harmony.

Home Ministry official Yadav Koirala says Robert Penner's work visa was revoked because a report prepared by authorities suggested his critical posts on Twitter threatened national unity.

Penner, who has worked for a software company in Nepal for three years, was detained on Monday for questioning and spent the night in detention.

The government made the decision to expel him late Tuesday.

Koirala says Penner was released from detention and handed over to a local family friend on the condition that he leaves the country in two days.

Penner has criticized the new constitution adopted last September and the government's handling of violent ethnic protests. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PHILIPPINES

# Video of hostage's beheading released

Muslim militants in the Philippines have a released a video showing the beheading of Canadian hostage John Ridsdel, an American group that monitors jihadi websites reported Tuesday.

Ridsdel, 68, of Calgary, was one of four tourists — including fellow Canadian Robert Hall, Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad and Filipina Marites Flor — who were kidnapped last Sept. 21 by Abu Sayyaf militants.

In a series of tweets, Rita Katz of the SITE Intelligence Group cited the video as saying Ridsdel was beheaded on April 25 "due to non-compliance" of the Canadian government.

Another video released by the militants shows the three remaining hostages, with the militants threatening to behead them if their demands are not met, she said.

The video, obtained by The Canadian Press from SITE, shows the remaining hostages pleading for help with gun-wielding hooded captors behind them. They are seen asking the Canadian and Philippines governments for help.

Ridsdel was beheaded after Abu Sayyaf militants made a large ransom demand for his release.

**John Ridsdel** AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has said Canada would never pay ransom for the release of hostages.

"Paying ransom for Canadians would endanger the lives of every single one of the millions of Canadians who live work and travel around the world every single year," Trudeau said last week.

A senior official said last week that the RCMP was conducting a criminal investigation into Ridsdel's murder. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity given the sensitivity of the ongoing hostage case, said the Mounties were relying on the extraterritorial provisions of the Criminal Code to pursue the overseas investigation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Syrian refugee children look out from their tent during the visit of the Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte to an informal Syrian refugee camp in the southern town of Zahrani, Lebanon on Tuesday. MOHAMMED ZAATARI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# German Jews split over refugee issue

RELIGION

## Pro-migrant student rabbi kicked out over statements

When the leader of Germany's Jews spoke out against the flow of Muslim migrants to Europe, a rabbinical student denounced his views as racist — and ignited a debate on whether Jews are right to fear unprecedented levels of immigration from Muslim lands traditionally hostile to Israel.

The student, Armin Langer, was kicked out of the Abraham Geiger College in Potsdam after he wrote that the leader of Germany's Central Council of Jews was wrong to seek a cap on Muslim immigration. Langer, a founder of an inter-faith group called Salaam-Shalom committed to fostering dialogue between Muslims and Jews, said his community should never cast an intolerant eye toward other minority groups.

Rabbinical student Armin Langer THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"If one minority is treated badly, it won't be long before all minorities will be treated badly," Langer, 25, told The Associated Press during an interview in Berlin's Neukoelln district, home to many Muslim immigrants.

Langer also participated in a small protest outside the Central Council's headquarters in Berlin, the day after Joseph Schuster told German newspaper Die Welt last November that "sooner or later, we're not going to get around upper limits (for migrants)."

Many in Germany's 250,000-strong Jewish community expressed outrage at Langer's remarks following their publication last year as Germany absorbed a wave of 1.1 million overwhelmingly Muslim migrants. They expressed support for Schuster's stance that anti-Semitism was growing once again in Germany, driven by newcomers with attitudes hostile to Jews and Israel.

The college director, Rabbi Walter Homolka, said Langer's criticism of Schuster had caused widespread offence among German Jews. He said Langer had violated his enrolment contract requiring students to avoid an "undue media presence." He said Langer had been suspended for a year in January, with a right to re-enrol in 2017, following meetings of the school's board of rabbis and the German General Rabbinical Conference.

But Langer, a Hungarian Jew, said he would continue to pursue a master's degree in Jewish theology at Potsdam University and would seek to complete his rabbinical training elsewhere. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Risky business if you're a woman

ENTREPRENEURS

## Women are less likely to seek or get bank financing

The myth that women entrepreneurs are risk averse continues to stand in their way of getting financing to help their businesses grow, a major new study concludes.

Women entrepreneurs also said they want more than just a loan from their bank, according to A Force to Reckon With: Women Entrepreneurship and Risk. They want a relationship with a bank that understands their business and their personal needs, the study found.

"Women entrepreneurs, in general, are not satisfied with their experiences with financial institutions," according to the report sponsored by the Bank of Montreal. "In fact, in many instances women entrepreneurs reported that they felt humiliated and frustrated by financial institutions' treatment of them."

One woman entrepreneur said the bank wanted her father to co-sign the loan, the report noted.

Indeed, 80 per cent of the women interviewed for the study said they faced obstacles in getting bank loans.

Women entrepreneurs contributed $148 billion to Canada's economy in 2011, the latest year for which data is available, the study noted.

Yet, they continue to struggle with assumptions they are risk averse, when in fact "women entrepreneurs, like male entrepreneurs, are not all alike," said Clare Beckton, report co-author and head of Carleton University's Centre for Women in Politics and Public Leadership.

The study, which included interviews with 100 male and female entrepreneurs across Canada over a two-year period, found women prefer to take what they call "rational" risks.

"Women are not only interested in the earnings statement but the impact of their business decisions on all aspects of their lives," Beckton said.

Bank of Montreal, which sponsored the study, said it has started incorporating some of the findings into its business.

"We know women are starting more business than men," said Susan Brown, BMO senior vice-president and head of women's strategy. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**NUMBERS**

- **$60,000** – average annual income earned by full-time women entrepreneurs
- **950,000** – number of women who were self-employed in 2011
- **47%** – Portion of Canadian small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) partially or majority owned by women

PJ's Pets is closing 27 of its Canadian locations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Pet business not a boom for all

Pet parents are driving a booming industry in Canada.

But shoppers looking for bargains or specialty products and services are pushing out mid-size chains from an otherwise growing market. Take for instance PJ's Pets and Pets Unlimited, which operate under separate banners but are one company. Late last month it announced it was closing 27 of its 39 Canadian stores.

Over the past three fiscal years, the company reported annual multimillion-dollar losses between $3 million and $6.9 million, according to a March PwC report.

The report partly attributes the red ink to increased competition from larger pet retailers and retail stores.

Pet store industry revenue in Canada is expected to jump an additional 3.6 per cent this year to $2 billion, according to a recent report by the market research firm. Three major players — PetSmart, Pet Valu and Global Pet Foods — make up more than 40 per cent of the market share. Some, like PJ's Pets and Pets Unlimited, are mid-size operations.

They all face competition from grocery stores that increasingly include a pet supplies aisle and discount retailers.

Those big outlets attract customers by offering lower prices than smaller industry players thanks to advantageous economies of scale. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TALCUM POWDER

# Johnson & Johnson to pay $55M in cancer suit

Johnson & Johnson has been ordered to pay $55 million to a woman who claims its talcum powder caused her ovarian cancer, the second such judgment against the manufacturer in three months.

The ruling in St. Louis late Monday comes amid ongoing debate about the link between the bathroom staple and deadly disease that is often detected too late for treatment. Some studies suggest that women who regularly use talc face up to 40 per cent higher risk of developing ovarian cancer.

Meanwhile, New Jersey-based Johnson & Johnson cites other medical evidence showing its products such as Johnson's Baby Powder and Shower to Shower are blameless.

"Unfortunately, the jury's decision goes against 30 years of studies by medical experts around the world that continue to support the safety of cosmetic talc," Johnson & Johnson spokeswoman Carol Goodrich said in a statement announcing the company's plan to appeal.

The jury deliberated eight hours Monday before ordering the company to pay $55 million to a South Dakota woman who blamed her ovarian cancer on years of talcum powder use. The ruling followed a $72 million award in February from another St. Louis jury to the family of an Alabama woman who died from ovarian cancer, which she said was caused by using Johnson & Johnson's baby powder and other talcum products.

At least 1,200 other talcum powder-related lawsuits are pending, with about 1,000 of them in St. Louis, and another 200 in New Jersey, said Jim Onder, attorney for the plaintiffs in both of the recent cases.

Onder said researchers began connecting talcum powder to ovarian cancer in the 1970s, and that internal Johnson & Johnson documents show the company was aware of those studies.

A spokeswoman for Onder said Gloria Ristesund, the plaintiff in the latest case, declined comment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**COSMETICS**

Talc is naturally occurring, mined from the soil and composed of magnesium, silicon, oxygen, and hydrogen.

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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
### ON SOCIAL ACTIVISM

# Occupy INAC (Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada) and Black Lives Matter protests have swept across major cities. These are movements — and people — bettering our country.

All's not quiet in the True North, as witnessed by this spring of discontent.

Occupy INAC (Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada) and Black Lives Matter protests have swept across major cities from Vancouver to Winnipeg to Montreal. And in Halifax, hundreds marched through the streets in late April to protest gun violence that killed three young black men in less than a week.

All three actions have gained considerable traction and attention and forced responses from powers as high up as premiers and federal ministers.

They are, by and large, the movements of young people — Twitter-savvy and Instagram-curated. They are targeted in their goals and, thus far, remarkably successful.

In Toronto, Black Lives Matter's accomplishments are many and growing: There will be a coroner's inquest into the death of Andrew Loku, who was shot by police while holding a hammer, and a face-to-face meeting with John Tory, the mayor. Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne has directly responded to the protest, and the province released a (heavily redacted) civilian oversight report on Loku's death last week. Solidarity protests in Vancouver and Montreal have increased the movement's visibility.

Around the same time, Occupy INAC spawned from the Attawapiskat suicide crisis when Toronto protesters set up inside INAC's offices, demanding help. It spread to Winnipeg (which is entering Day 21 of the protest and seeking a meeting with the prime minister) and inspired rallies in Regina and Gatineau, Que.

Occupy INAC in Vancouver only ended last week after Carolyn Bennett, INAC's minister, agreed to meet with protesters to discuss their demands: the reinstatement of a $22-million cultural program for off-reserve youth and an increase in indigenous language funding from $5 million to $1 billion.

It has been particularly fascinating to watch these two national movements support one another, share hashtags and disseminate each other's Facebook posts.

It's a slightly different story in Halifax, where activist Quentrel Provo has spent years fighting gun violence that disproportionately leaves young black men dead. His Stop the Violence Spread the Love group has held marches in the city before, but last month's could mark a turning point in the fight to curb violence. Instead of activism aimed at a powerful group, it's a movement that he hopes all in his city will see as their own. Deaths in the black community "affect everyone," he says.

April was an unusually deadly month, and that "really opened up a lot of people's lives that this is reality."

That's sparking greater collaboration between education officials, police and community members on a number of fronts: Police are asking for community help in solving the killings, and the minister of education is meeting with Provo. And Provo is gaining traction for a mentorship program he hopes to launch that will reach boys at an early age and help steer them toward safer, longer lives.

All this is quite something for activist leaders of a generation often painted as feckless and navel-gazing.

"He is the reason I am here," wrote Jerilynn Webster, one of the Occupy INAC Vancouver leaders, on an Instagram photo that included her young son. "I'm not a rebel without a cause. Council of Mothers did this for indigenous kids and youth in Turtle Island. I hope people see this."

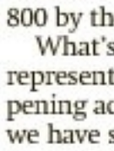
Near the start of the protest, the Council of Mothers, as the protesters called themselves, urged Attawapiskat and indigenous youth to "Keep resisting, keep loving and keep speaking your absolute truth because you are being heard."

Certainly, they have been.

The upshot of all this organizing shouldn't be underestimated: a return to discussions of racism and violence in Halifax that could change young lives; a re-think of police accountability in Toronto that has the potential to change how we handle police shootings; increased attention across this country to the needs of often forgotten indigenous youth.

These are movements — and people — bettering our country. For the average Canadian, such as myself, who has not occupied a government building, camped for days outside police headquarters or launched an anti-gun-violence march to bring change, that is a lot to be grateful for.

# A prescription to kick the opioid scourge



**Alan Cassels**

We are in the midst of a deadly drug epidemic so severe and widespread few people in North America will remain untouched by it.

Typically the suggestion of an epidemic is hyperbolic, but it doesn't seem so in this case. Last month, Dr. Perry Kendall, the provincial Health Officer in British Columbia said that B.C. has a "public health emergency" on its hands, mostly due to the alarming number of overdose deaths linked to prescription opioids.

Opioids include prescription narcotics, such as Oxycontin, hydromorph Contin and fentanyl, which some say is 100 times stronger than morphine. Kendall said that there were more than 200 opioid-related overdose deaths so far this year in B.C., and if those numbers continue, there'll be 800 by the end of the year.

What's happening in B.C. is representative of what is happening across Canada, where we have some of the highest rates of prescription opioid consumption in the world. From 2006 to 2011, use of opioids in Canada rose by 32 per cent and that rise has continued unabated.

The United States is also in full-on damage control mode, trying to stem the incredible numbers of deaths due to opioids. In 2012, there were 259 million prescriptions written for opioids — enough to give every American adult their own bottle of pills. Since 2000, the overdose death rate in the U.S. has risen by 200 per cent.

The problems, as well as potential solutions, are complicated but, I agree with U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy when he says curbing society's exposure to opioids — particularly those coming from a prescription pad in a doctor's office — is absolutely vital. As he said: "Physicians need to be retrained to think twice — or three or four times — before writing that first opioid prescription."

Indeed, many critics have pointed the finger at prescribers — well-meaning clinicians who've been giving too many patients excessively powerful opioid medications to deal with modest pain.

It's important to recognize that liberal prescribing of opioids is a recent problem and, since the mid-1990s, can be linked to the pharma industry. Doctors have increasingly been encouraged — often via educational materials paid for by opioid makers — to prescribe the drugs.

To tackle the problem, we need unbiased, safety-oriented messages on the appropriate use of opioids and knowledge of their wicked potential. And we need to curb our dependence on drug-company money for doctor training.

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# Upgrading to 'queen' of Eastern cuisine

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SIROCCO

## Sabrina Ghayour's second book a blend of cultures

**Melita Kuburas**
Metro | Canada

When Sabrina Ghayour saw the May cover of U.K.'s Delicious magazine hailing her as the "new queen of Eastern cooking," she laughed for a good five minutes.

"I used to be the 'Persian princess' but I've obviously upgraded now to queen," says Ghayour, whose second cookbook, Sirocco, features recipes that are influenced by both her Iranian and European heritage. "If it makes people happy then I'm so honoured to be even the Duchess of Middle Eastern cuisine."

A self-taught cook who has been experimenting in the kitchen since she was about six years old, Ghayour takes the praise in stride. By now, she should be used to it: after the release of her first book, Persiana, in 2014, Ghayour was named by The Evening Standard as one of London's 1,000 most influential people.

Born in Tehran, the cuisine of Ghayour's Iranian background is evident throughout Sirocco but even traditional explanations are paired with a fresh twist — such as the Grilled Peach and Gem Lettuce Salad recipe that comes with a brief ode to the origins of the kebab. Ghayour also incorporates recipe blends from throughout the region, such as the Lebanese baharat and Moroccan ras el hanout.

She doesn't claim any of the homestyle dishes are "authentic," but rather an expression of her personality and expertise.

"If we said 'oh this is authentic Middle Eastern food' people from every country would knock on my door and be like 'hey, hang on a second,'" jokes Ghayour, who moved to London in 1979 with her family.

"I'm not too pedantic about method; about high-honoured tradition. ... I write recipes based on what I'm actually, genuinely eating at home."

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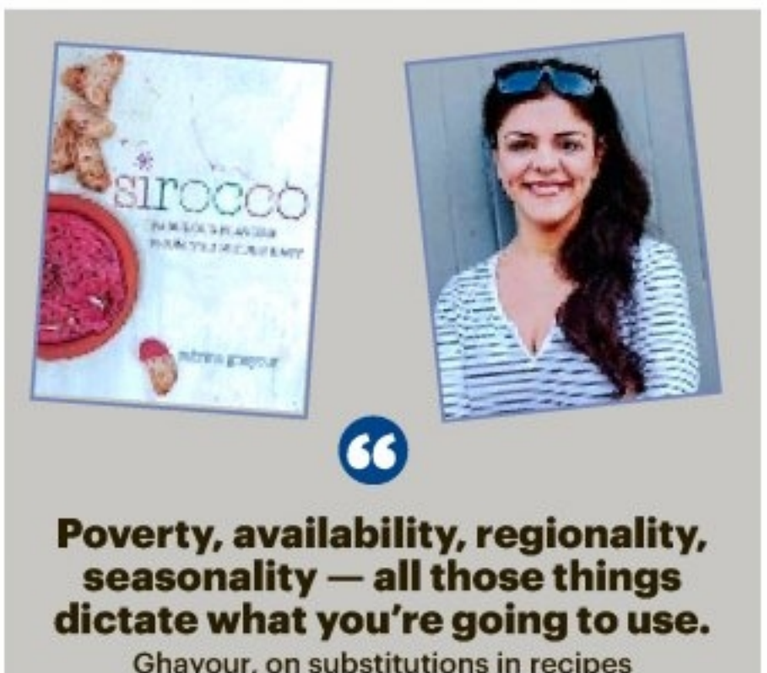


**Poverty, availability, regionality, seasonality — all those things dictate what you're going to use.**

Ghayour, on substitutions in recipes

### LAMB, APRICOT & FENNEL SEED LOLLIPOPS

Call these lollipops, kofta or meatballs (which is, technically, what they are), they make quite a statement when served. In all fairness, you can ditch the wooden skewers and serve them as they come, but putting them on sticks adds to the fun.

**Makes 18-20 kofta or meatballs**

**Ingredients:**
- 1 pound ground lamb
- 5 ounces dried apricots, finely chopped
- ½ cup fennel seeds, toasted and finely ground
- 2 large eggs
- 1 onion, minced in a food processor or very finely chopped
- 2 heaping teaspoons turmeric
- ½ small package (about ½ ounce) of dill, finely chopped, plus extra to garnish
- 2 heaping teaspoons flaky sea salt, crushed
- freshly ground black pepper
- vegetable oil

**To serve**
- 5 ounces Greek yogurt
- olive oil or lemon juice (optional)
- sweet tamarind sauce
- small handful of nigella seeds

**Directions:**
**1.** Heat a large skillet over medium heat (or high heat, if using an electric stove). If your pan isn't large enough to cook 18–20 kofta at once without overcrowding, preheat the oven to 325°F for keeping cooked batches warm.
**2.** Put all the kofta ingredients, except the oil, into a large mixing bowl and work the mixture, thoroughly using your hands. Really pummel the meat mixture and ensure the ingredients are evenly combined.
**3.** Drizzle into the hot skillet just enough oil to coat the base and allow it to heat up. Meanwhile, begin rolling your kofta – take a small amount of the meat mixture (about the size of a Ping-Pong ball) and roll it into a smooth ball, then place it in the skillet and fry for about 5–6 minutes on each side or until nicely browned and cooked through. Keep adding more and more balls as you make them, cooking in batches if necessary. Keep the cooked kofta warm in the oven on a baking sheet while you fry subsequent batches.
**4.** Season the yogurt with salt and pepper. If the yogurt is too thick for drizzling, thin it down a little using olive oil and 1 tablespoon water or lemon juice.
**5.** Arrange the kofta on a large platter and pour over a generous drizzle of the seasoned yogurt, followed by a drizzle of sweet tamarind sauce and a sprinkling of nigella seeds. Insert a wooden skewer into each meatball and serve.

## ROSE REISMAN THE SAVVY EATER

**THIS WEEK: Muffins**

Muffins are favourite for many as breakfast or afternoon snacks, but it's more of a dessert than a Dip Donut.

**PICK THIS**

### Tim Hortons Chocolate Dip Donut

**Calories** 190
**Fat** 6g
**Sugar** 10g

**SKIP THIS**

### Tim Hortons Raisin Bran Muffin

**Calories** 370
**Fat** 12g
**Sugar** 36g

**HERE'S WHY**

**Equivalent to 4.5 Rice Krispies Treats in sugar**

Muffins with whole grains, fruit, nuts or dried fruit have the illusion of being a healthy breakfast or a nutritious snack when you need to refuel, but take a closer look. These are sugary and fattening indulgences. We love our baked goods, but they should be a treat, not a regular part of our diet. With close to one quarter of your daily calories and 9 tsp of sugar, this will definitely give you a "muffin top." A lighter pick is the Chocolate Dip Donut, with half the calories, fat and almost a ¼ of the sugar. Think of muffins just as you would a cupcake — a dessert, not a healthy snack.

FOOD TREND

# New eggplant is less oily, more meaty

Eggplant hasn't been a favourite of American home gardeners, but a new hybrid that's billed as an alternative to meat could be changing that.

The hybrid dubbed "Meatball" has powered its way into the home-garden market this spring. It's a cross between existing hybrids and heirloom varieties of eggplant. Sales rival those of tomatoes and peppers, among the most popular items in the W. Atlee Burpee & Co. seed catalogue, said the company's chairman and chief executive officer, George Ball. "This new one is not like any eggplant we've ever bred or found or seen," he said.

The Meatball contains more water, which resists oil in the frying pan, Ball said.

"That makes for a more refreshing and less oily product," he said. "It also is seedless, giving it two important genetic virtues."

Kitchen trials were held with friends, family and focus groups using the Meatball as a hamburger or steak-like primary ingredient, Ball said. "It won hands-down when compared to both veggie burgers and meat" in taste tests, he said.

Maturity dates for the new eggplant range from 55 to 78 days, depending on location.

Eggplants are native to India, much of China and Southeast Asia, so most species thrive in high heat. Many of the later European versions were white or yellow, resembling chicken or goose eggs; hence the name eggplant.

Their earliest use was believed to be more medicinal than culinary. Eggplants' fruit, roots and leaves were used for treating abscesses and intestinal problems.

Thomas Jefferson often has been credited with importing eggplants into American gardens in the late 1700s, but they were slow to gain popularity as a cooking staple, a trend that continues today.

"I took some of my surplus eggplant to a local food bank last year and they said it was the first time they'd ever gotten it," said Marianne Ophardt, Benton County director for Washington State University Extension.

"Recipes are limited for making it more flavourful, which may account for some of its slow acceptance," she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## LIQUID ASSETS

**Canadian cider rules**

For centuries apples have been the base of thriving cider industries in just about every place that produces them except Canada.

While we may be late to the party, the variety of artisan ciders currently being created across our country has never been greater. From Nova Scotia's Bulwark to B.C.'s Lonetree, regional ciders are taking a bite out of their international competition. Our output runs the gamut; from sweet and confectionary to classically dry, with the vast majority originating from fruit picked in local orchards in their home provinces.

Ontario-made Brickworks Batch 1904 (473 ml, $3.10-$3.95) is a dry, English-style craft cider named to commemorate the Great Fire of Toronto, which happens to be Brickworks' hometown. It's a refreshing, apple-forward thirst-quencher that makes an ideal partner for spicier barbecue sauces.

PETER ROCKWELL/METRO

# Edible selfies

Artist-turned-baker Rebecca Levitan will paint anyone's portrait in cookie form. MICHELE HENRY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

We spend so much time scrutinizing its origins and nutritional content, it's almost as if we've forgotten that food can be fun.

And it should be, says Toronto-based artist-baker-entrepreneur Rebecca Levitan, 32. "You should be able to play with your food."

To Levitan, that means turning flour, sugar and butter into faces. And not just any faces: real, honest-to-goodness look-alike faces of anyone and everyone, from the mug you see in the mirror to your neighbour down the street. But especially celebrities. Think Beyoncé, Aziz Ansari, Frida Kahlo, Queen Elizabeth, Prince.

Since she started Eatmysweetface.com — her online company — a few months ago, orders have been flooding in, including from art galleries in New York and Los Angeles, where she'll have shows later this year. She's been asked to make a lot of famous faces, but mainly, she says, people send in a picture to her online shop and request a cookie of their own likeness.

"It's a special unique moment — to have an edible version of you," she says.

Good thing people feel that way — because that's how her business got its start.

During 2014's holiday season, Levitan, who has a master of fine arts from the San Francisco Art Institute, couldn't decide what to give her two siblings.

The constant baker — she was the kid who would force her parents to eat her weird creations, she says — thought it would be funny if they could "dunk their own faces in milk."

So she baked up their likenesses. And then Levitan became addicted to making these one-of-a-kind pieces of edible art.

People love ordering them as birthday gifts, she says. Though the cookies ($30 per cookie) are yummy (they're sugar cookies), many people refuse to eat them, she says, preferring to keep the edible art intact.

Easy to see why. It's uncanny and brilliant. And in my opinion, too good to eat.

**Rebecca Levitan with her cookie doppelgänger of Prince.**

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# KEEP CANCER RESEARCHERS ON TRACK

## Clinical trials are improving the outlook for cancer patients

Modern medicine has made tremendous progress in the fight against cancer. Today, more than 60 per cent of Canadians diagnosed with cancer will survive the disease, compared with just 25 per cent in the 1940s.

All of these advances required comprehensive clinical trials. And the Canadian Cancer Society is the country's biggest charitable funder of clinical trials.

New treatments require thorough testing in patients before they're made widely available. Not all clinical trials are about drugs — some are focused on finding better ways to screen for and prevent cancer, as well as improving a patient's quality of life.

"Clinical trials are the cornerstone for improving cancer treatment," says Dr. Janet Dancey, Director of the Canadian Cancer Trials Group (CCTG), at Queen's University. Her team develops, runs and analyzes national and international trials of new cancer treatments, including disease prevention and supportive care.

The Canadian Cancer Society is CCTG's largest funder, explains Dancey: "Every one of the 40 to 60 trials currently testing new treatments is supported by those research funds."

DR. JANET DANCEY, LEFT, IS FIELDING A TEAM AT THIS YEAR'S RELAY FOR LIFE IN KINGSTON, ONT. CONTRIBUTED

This is where the charity's Relay For Life events play an essential role. Last year, 331 communities across Canada held Relay For Life events and raised $34 million. Participants who fundraise for the Relay For Life events and their donors are supporting clinical trials in communities all across Ontario and Canada. More than half of all children with cancer in Canada are part of a clinical trial.

"Pharmaceutical companies fund clinical trials for testing new cancer drugs, but major advances in treatments are often discovered by researchers looking at ways to more effectively use existing drugs," explains Dr. Katie Wright, the Canadian Cancer Society's Senior Manager of Research Communications.

"This is exactly the type of work that we support at CCTG. We make sure these researchers get the support they need."

For example, CCTG is currently conducting trials of Metformin — an inexpensive drug to treat type II diabetes — that may help treat breast cancer and prevent it from returning. If this clinical trial is successful, it could lead to a safe and low-cost treatment for early breast cancer.

Dancey and her colleagues are fielding the CCTG Trialblazers team in this year's Kingston Relay For Life, joining the thousands of Canadians across the country who are accepting the baton in the fight against cancer.

"I loved being part of the team effort to make a difference for people with cancer," she says.

Help make more breakthroughs happen by supporting Relay For Life events in your community. Visit **relayforlife.ca** to register.

# From research to reality

## Funding the future of cancer treatment

Behind every major advancement in cancer treatment is a history of meticulous clinical trials. Over the past 35 years, the Kingston, Ontario-based Canadian Cancer Trials Group (CCTG) has conducted almost 500 such trials. Successes include identifying new treatments for patients with breast, bowel, lung and brain cancers, as well as leukemia and lymphoma.

"The Canadian Cancer Society supports the Canadian Cancer Trials Group to improve treatments, find effective ways to prevent cancer or the return of cancer and to improve the quality of life for those living with the disease," says Dr. Katie Wright, Senior Manager of Research Communications for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Clinical trials go far beyond testing new drugs. One of CCTG's current trials is examining the benefits of exercise to see if adding a workout regime to a standard treatment plan can help prevent colon cancer from recurring.

"I am confident that my participation in this clinical trial will lead to a better understanding of cancer and help save more lives," says Lyle Southam, from Mississauga. "For me personally, the trial has had a huge positive impact on my overall fitness and health and has made me more optimistic about my future."

A recent international study, also supported by the Canadian Cancer Society, found that men with prostate cancer who took breaks from hormone therapy lived as long as those receiving continuous therapy. Not only does this intermittent treatment lower costs, it reduces side effects. These findings are changing the way doctors around the world approach hormone therapy for prostate-cancer patients.

LYLE SOUTHAM CONTRIBUTED

"I'll have prostate cancer for the rest of my life, so my quality of life has become a priority," says Jack Shore, from Port Colborne, Ont., who is benefiting from this new approach to treatment. "I'm thankful that the Canadian Cancer Society funds research that improves treatment options for patients like me."

JACK SHORE CONTRIBUTED

This important work is made possible by fundraising campaigns like Relay For Life. People of all ages and fitness levels can participate by forming or joining a team.

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# New Honda Accord tough to beat

ROAD TESTED

REVIEW

## Sedan gets tweaked, maintains alpha status

Mike Goetz
For Metro Canada

If you're considering getting into a new family car soon, you don't need to fret too much about which vehicle to get. It's a golden age for intermediate sedans, with lots of no-brainer choices.

These vehicles have all grown in size to be quite substantial and roomy, and all have the on-road performance, comfort, and technological wizardry that was heretofore only available in the luxury ranks.

Honda Accord is one of those can't-go-wrong choices, and for model-year 2016, received a fairly robust "mid-cycle" refresh. As per the nature of these mid-cycle updates, you can't change too much on the outside, save for restyling front fascias and rear bumpers and their respective lighting elements. In Accord's case, those changes were accomplished with more LED lighting and sharper creases. But Honda went the extra mile on the Accord sedan, by also laying on a new weight saving and sculpted aluminum hood, which furthers the "sharp crease" theme. The overall effect, to these eyes at least, is one sharp looking sedan.

Also new is the display and auto interface, now with a standard seven-inch screen, which lets you swipe, tap and pinch, as you would on a tablet or Smartphone.

The touchscreen is paired with an upper screen, to help out with all the display work that needs to be done. Honda's passenger mirror mounted LaneWatch and rear-view cameras feed into this upper display, for example, as well as the text messages, turn by turn directions, and parking sensing alerts.

The interface is not immediately intuitive, but when we expect so much information at our fingertips, something has to give.

While the driver's seat felt comfy off the bat, it was less so over long trips, which found me squirming and fiddling with the seat adjustments many times.

Also part of the refresh was some stiffening of the chassis and shock absorbers, and commensurate changes in the suspension settings. The last Accord was absolutely fine on the road, and this one is a touch finer. This new Accord delivers a comfortable ride and confident handling.

Our test vehicle was a Touring trim, with the 185-hp 2.4-litre I4 and CVT. If you don't think you like CVTs, the automatic on Accord V6 is a traditional six-speed. But can't think of why you wouldn't get along with the 2.4-litre/CVT powertrain: more than enough power; very refined and efficient (9.1 L/100 km, City, 6.8 Highway); and the CVT actually feels quite lively and responsive, and somewhat un-CVT like.

So there's not much to dislike about the 2016 Honda Accord Sedan. An absolutely solid citizen in the intermediate sedan segment.

## THE CHECKLIST | 2016 HONDA ACCORD

### THE BASICS

- **Type.** Four-door, five-passenger, FWD, intermediate sedan
- **Power.** 185-hp 2.4-litre I4, 278-hp 3.5-litre V6
- **Transmission.** Six-speed manual, CVT automatic (I4 models), Six-speed automatic (V6 models)
- **Price.** Base $24,350 (plus destination)

### COOL FEATURES

- Seven-inch Display Audio touchscreen with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.
- Standard LED daytime running lights and taillights, optional LED fog lights.
- Honda Sensing safety suite

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### POINTS

- Current and ninth-generation model introduced in 2013. Received major mid-cycle engineering and styling refresh for MY 2016.
- Since 1982, built at Honda's facility in Marysville, Ohio.
- One of few intermediate sedans still available with a manual transmission.

### MARKET POSITION

- Third best selling intermediate sedan in Canada in 2015, after Camry and Fusion.
- Not as sporty as Mazda6 and Fusion, but extremely competent all-rounder with high levels of refinement.
- Almost as big as one-size up models, like Impala and Maxima.

### THE COMPETITION

**Ford Fusion**
**Base price: $23,249**

**Toyota Camry**
**Base price: $24,655**

**Hyundai Sonata**
**Base price: $24,749**

MILESTONES

# Tesla approaches the 500 km mark with Model S sedan

The new Model S sedan in 90D specification has been given an official US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rating of 488 kilometres on a single charge.

The refreshed car has a redesigned nose to reduce air resistance and therefore preserve battery life, but the biggest reason for the jump in range — the outgoing model achieved 476 km under EPA conditions — is a bigger 90kWh battery.

To put the figures into some sort of context, the Nissan Leaf, the Model S's closest competitor in terms of sales, has also just undergone a serious battery overhaul.

However, the heavily revised 30kWh battery car is only capable of travelling 250 km on a single charge and that figure is based on the New European Driving Cycle (NEDC) test.

News of Tesla's new range record arrives as more car companies have started taking electric cars seriously. Volvo has pledged to sell one million electrified cars (hybrid and full EV) before 2025.

"It is going to be a challenge, but Volvo wants to be at the forefront of this shift to electrification," said Håkan Samuelsson, president and chief executive of Volvo Cars.

On Wednesday, the German government announced plans to make electric cars popular and accessible via a €1 billion ($1.44 billion Canadian) scheme to subsidize the cost of buying EV cars, plus a €100 million ($144 million Canadian) fund for installing the requisite charging infrastructure.

However, as green as electric cars can be, a new study from Carnegie Mellon University shows that the level of environmental friendliness of a plug-in car depends largely on where a driver lives.

"Electric vehicles offer the largest benefits for urban drivers in mild-climate regions with a clean electricity grid, such as San Francisco or Los Angeles," says said study co-author Jeremy Michalek, a Carnegie Mellon University professor of mechanical engineering.

AFP

**News of the 2017 Tesla Model S's range record arrives as more car companies have started taking electric cars seriously.** TESLA

# General Motors tests hybrid pickups

## IN BRIEF

**Ford cuts off climate change denial group**

Ford Motor Co. is among a growing number of U.S. corporations to distance itself from the climate change-denying "think-tank" the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). The organization has worked behind the scenes for years to influence laws across the U.S., "often with a corporate-friendly intent," reports automotive news and information Web site Autoblog. ALEC is heavily funded by the billionaire Koch brothers, Charles and David, who have massive vested interests in coal and oil.

THE GREEN ANGLE

Metro's weekly picks for the latest in environmental news

LIMITED RELEASE

### Silverado tested as hybrid

General Motors will offer a few hundred 2016 Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra pickup trucks with its latest eAssist hybrid drive system, seeking feedback with a view to making it a permanent option. The numbers are small, notes alternate-vehicle site Green Car Reports: just 500 Silverados and 200 Sierras this year against North American sales of 530,000 and 212,000 respectively. The "mild" hybrid system is adapted to the 5.3-litre V8 that's core to the pickup line, rather than the four-cylinder engines it was previously used with in vehicles such as the Chevrolet Malibu. The addition of eAssist will cost buyers just $500 south of the border, although there's no word on what it will cost in Canada. The system increases the weight of the truck by about 45 kilograms and adds a 13-horsepower electric motor that assists acceleration in some driving situations.

RASA

### New approach to H-cars

Welsh company Riversimple Movement Ltd. has unveiled the Rasa, a road-legal engineering prototype of its first two-seater hydrogen-powered car. It was designed to run on hydrogen and has different architecture than conventional cars. Riversimple wants to bring the Rasa to the European market first, by 2018, through its "sale of service" business model — customers will never actually buy the car.

EMISSIONS

### EPA says it won't target racing

New regulatory language that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency could use to crack down on cars whose emissions systems have been modified for racing, won't be used for that purpose, the agency says. Modifying a normal passenger vehicle and its emission-control systems for racing is a violation of the Clean Air Act, but the agency says that's not an enforcement priority.

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Dwyane Wade says he's feeling "all kinds of emotions" after hearing that he was Prince's favourite basketball player

With his stellar post-season play, goaltender Matt Murray has been hearing Penguins fans chant his name. FRANK FRANKLIN II/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Murray taking over in a hurry

NHL PLAYOFFS

## Rookie goalie doing well to block out distractions

Matt Murray isn't in the mood to think about what it all means, this ride that he's on. The NHL's best team on the other side of the ice. His mentor watching from bench. An arena chanting his name.

For the moment, there is only the next game, the next shot. That's all that concerns the Pittsburgh Penguins rookie goaltender. Not the ripple effects his playoff run will have on his career, the franchise he plays for or the long-term future of Marc-Andre Fleury, whose guidance is one of the reasons Murray has become so good, so fast.

"I want to win," Murray said. "On a personal level, I think it really doesn't matter. Everything else is noise to me."

And just like everything else thrown at Murray these days, he's blocking it out.

The 21-year-old with the thatchy beard and the waistline that looks like it could use a good meal or two is perhaps the biggest reason the Penguins take a 2-1 lead into Game 4 of their contentious Eastern Conference semifinal against Washington on Wednesday night.

Murray stopped 47 shots in a 3-2 victory in Game 3 on Monday, keeping his head — not to mention his well-padded arms and legs — during three periods of duress in which the Capitals appeared to put an invisible fence at the Pittsburgh blue line, hemming the Penguins in their end for 60 minutes of hockey that appeared one-sided everywhere but the scoreboard.

Matt Murray GETTY IMAGES

And Murray did it with Fleury at the ready in case his protege's seemingly imperturbable veneer started to show signs of weakness. Active for the first time since sustaining a concussion on March 31, the winningest goaltender in Penguins history skated onto the ice at Consol Energy Center for warmups with his teammates before Game 3 then traded his helmet for a baseball cap while getting an eyeful of Murray's spectacular performance.

"It's more stressful when you don't play than when you play," Fleury said. "You just sit there and keep on cheering the guys."

Fleury might want to get used to the view. Barring a meltdown, coach Mike Sullivan has no plans — at least in this round — from making any sort of switch.

"We feel as though right now we have two guys in Marc and Matt that we think are terrific goaltenders," Sullivan said Tuesday. "When we have healthy people at that position, that's a good thing for our team." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**He's very talented. We knew that going in. It's not a surprise to us. He's looking like a franchise goaltender.** Capitals coach Barry Trotz

### BY THE NUMBERS

**Age:** 21
**Height:** 6-4
**Weight:** 178 pounds

**PLAYOFF STATS**
**W-L:** 5-1
**GAA:** 1.78
**Sv%:** .944

DISCIPLINE

## Letang suspended for hit to the head

The Pittsburgh Penguins will be without their best defenceman for Game 4 of their second-round series against the Washington Capitals.

Kris Letang has been suspended for one game for his elbow to the head area of Capitals winger Marcus Johansson on Monday night.

Johansson didn't practice for Washington on Tuesday morning and his status for Game 4 is unclear. He returned to the game after the hit from Letang, evidently passing concussion tests in the Capitals dressing room.

The Penguins lead the best of seven series 2-1. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Letang is averaging more than 29 minutes in the playoffs, has seven points in eight games.**

### HOCKEY IN BRIEF

**Canucks shut out Czechs in tuneup for worlds**

Edmonton Oilers star Connor McDavid scored while teammate Cam Talbot combined with Winnipeg Jets goaltender Calvin Pickard for 19 saves as Canada beat the Czech Republic 3-0 in a world championship exhibition game Tuesday.

Buffalo's Ryan O'Reilly and Colorado's Matt Duchene also scored for Canada, the defending world champions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**IIHF boss worried NHLers will skip 2018 Olympics**

The head of ice hockey's international body says there is a strong possibility that NHL players won't be competing at the next Winter Olympics.

International Ice Hockey Federation president Rene Fasel puts the chances at 60 per cent that the NHL will decline to go to the 2018 Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea, because of a lack of money to cover player insurance. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CALGARY

## Flames fire 2014-15 coach of the year

The Calgary Flames fired Bob Hartley on Tuesday, less than a year after he was voted the NHL's coach of the year.

Calgary regressed by 20 points in 2015-16 after reaching the second round of playoffs the previous season, finishing with a 35-40-7 record. Only Vancouver and Edmonton posted fewer wins in the Western Conference.

"Bob has taken this team as far as I feel he can take it," Flames general manager Brad Treliving said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bob Hartley THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PREMIER LEAGUE

# Italy hails English conqueror 'King Claudio'

The Italian premier called it "insane." The country's national sports newspaper called him "King Claudio." Even the Vatican newspaper, l'Osservatore Romano, weighed in with a comparison to King Richard III.

Claudio Ranieri was hailed as a national hero in Italy after coaching Leicester to a highly improbable English Premier League title.

"King Claudio," read the headline on the front page of Gazzetta dello Sport on Tuesday, above a statuesque image of Ranieri as the Roman emperor Claudius.

Leicester secured its first top-flight title without playing on Monday after second-place Tottenham drew at Chelsea 2-2.

Leicester was playing in the second division two years ago, came close to relegation again last year, and started this season as a 5,000-1 outsider for the title.

Now, for the first time in its 132-year history, Leicester is champion of England.

"It's the greatest achievement in the history of English football,

**Claudio Ranieri** GETTY IMAGES

and it was led by an Italian," Matteo Renzi, the Italian premier, tweeted, adding a hashtag message of "insane" in Italian.

"There are moments in which fairytales simply come true," Renzi added in his weekly newsletter. "For those who followed Mr. Ranieri all season, saying every Sunday with less and less belief, 'It's impossible,' today is a day for the history books. ... Well done, extremely well done to the coach. There's a bit of Italy in this wonderful achievement."

The 64-year-old Ranieri was known as a journeyman coach who never won any major titles in a career that saw him bounce from club to club, rarely staying more than a couple of seasons.

Before signing with Leicester, Ranieri had an embarrassingly short reign as the coach of Greece. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Antoine Griezmann scored the critical goal for Atletico Madrid on Tuesday in Munich.** LUKAS BARTH/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

# Bayern swept away

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

## Griezmann's goal at Bayern enough to give Madrid victory

SEMIFINAL Aggregate

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A goal from Antoine Griezmann sent Atletico Madrid to the Champions League final for the second time in three seasons despite a 2-1 defeat at Bayern Munich on Tuesday.

Atletico, which lost to city rival Real Madrid in the 2014 final, progressed on the away goals rule with an aggregate score of 2-2 after winning the first leg in Madrid 1-0.

Atletico striker Fernando Torres had the chance to settle it with a late penalty, only for Manuel Neuer to save his spot kick.

Torres wasn't the only one to miss from the spot. Atletico's Jan Oblak saved a penalty from Thomas Mueller in the first half, minutes after Xabi Alonso levelled the tie with a free kick in the 31st.

Griezmann scored in the 54th to put Atletico in the driver's seat, before Robert Lewandowski headed Bayern back in front on the night in the 74th to set up a furious finale.

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**Cristiano Ronaldo will return from injury for Real Madrid's semifinal second leg against Manchester City on Wednesday.** GETTY IMAGES

## IN BRIEF

**Raps set Game 7 standard**

The Raptors are getting more attention from TV viewers, but are still struggling to compete with hockey.

Sportsnet says the Raps' Game 7 win over the Pacers had an average audience of 1.53 million viewers Sunday, making it the most-watched Raptors game ever in Canada. Still, they were outdrawn by Saturday's NHL draft lottery, which drew 1.57 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Go to metronews.ca for coverage of Heat-Raptors Game 1.**

**Sandoval goes under knife**

Pablo Sandoval will miss the rest of the season.

The Boston Red Sox third baseman had surgery to repair a torn labrum in his left shoulder on Tuesday. The Red Sox called the surgery a success but said he will miss the rest of the season.

They said he is expected to make a full recovery in time for the 2017 season.

Sandoval is in his second season of a $95-million, five-year contract.

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# RECIPE Orecchiette with Turkey and Broccoli

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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**
For Metro Canada

A light, healthy and simple mid-week meal you can make in less than 30 minutes.

**Ready in**
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

**Ingredients**
- 1 lb (450 g) orecchiette
- 4 cups of broccoli florets, cut them quite small
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 tsp fennel seeds or fresh thyme
- 1/2 tsp crushed dried chilis (optional)
- 1 lb ground turkey
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

**Directions**

**1.** Put a big pot of salted water on to boil and cook the pasta according to package instructions.

**2.** Warm your olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic, onion, fennel seeds or thyme and chilis and cook for about three minutes. Add the turkey and cook for another five minutes, until the meat is browned and almost cooked through.

**3.** Carefully add your broccoli to the cooking pasta two minutes before the pasta will be done. Drain the pasta and broccoli and then add them to the skillet.

**4.** Toss everything together well. Add the stock and toss more. Taste and check seasoning. Serve in a big bowl with a healthy sprinkle of Parmesan on top.

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# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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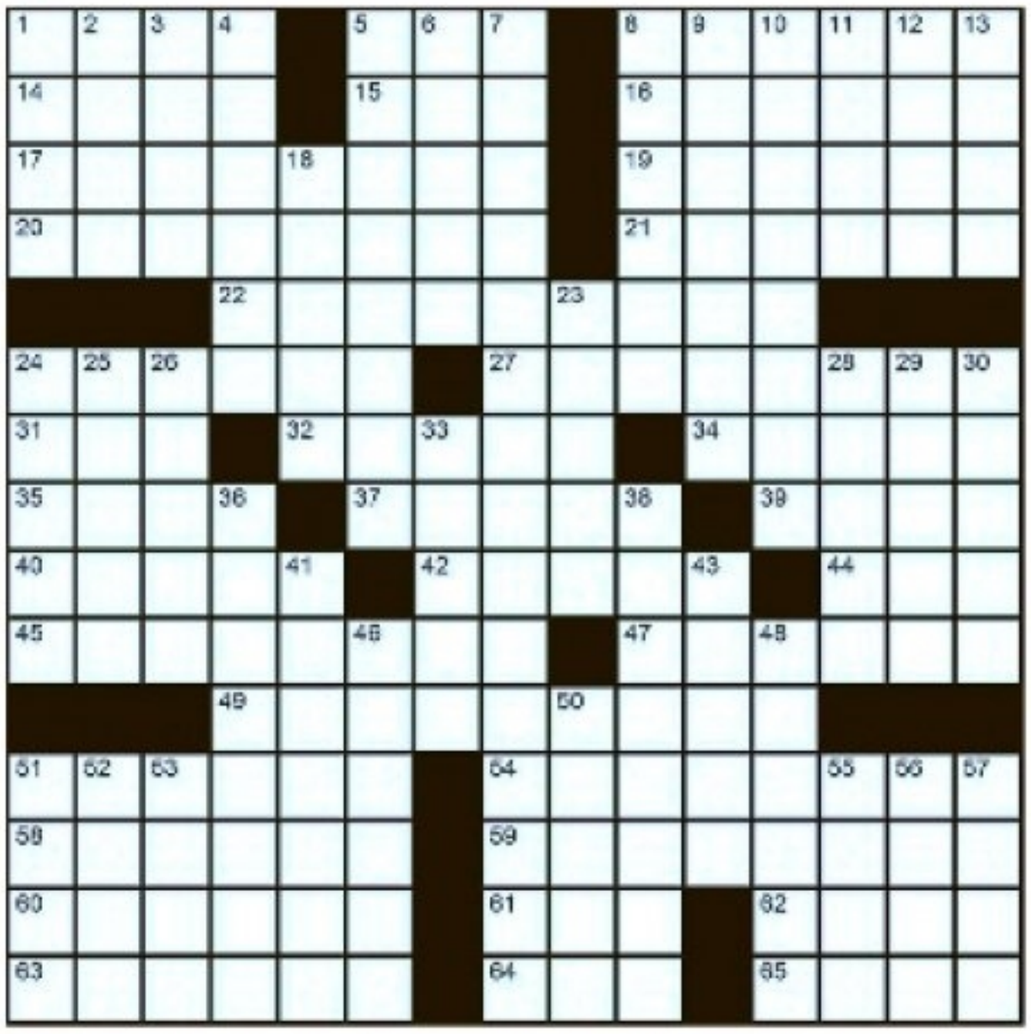

**ACROSS**
1. _ Tavern (Hang-out on FOX cartoon "The Simpsons")
5. Tiny total
8. Jostles someone in the queue
14. _ and for all (Finally)
15. Old French coin
16. From Eternity connecter (1953 film): 2 wds.
17. So sooo tense... Moving day or job change, for example
19. Angle measurement unit
20. Toronto's locale, _ Ontario
21. Wickedly
22. New show on HGTV Canada featuring all the big stars from the network: 3 wds.
24. Brilliant
27. Hit for Canadian singer Kiesza
31. Three
32. Ms. DeGeneres
34. Apple pie serving
35. Slangy one-eighty turns
37. Inners in eggs
39. Greek portico
40. Johann Sebastian's classical surnamesakes
42. Central meanings
44. Many mins.
45. Farley, for one, in Canadian comic strip For Better or For Worse
47. Take back a statement
49. Ranger's nature danger worry: 2 wds.
51. Corral: 2 wds.
54. Insensitive
58. Holding: 2 wds.
59. Observes the meeting: 3 wds.
60. Mr. Clooney
61. City in Florida, for short
62. Three squared
63. "_ Pointe Blank" (1997) starring John Cusack
64. Napoleonic Wars marshal
65. Border

**DOWN**
1. _ Park (Toronto neighbourhood)
2. "Hang _ _ Your Life" by The Guess Who
3. Beige
4. Boil under the collar
5. Some _ Required (Furniture-in-a-box notice)
6. Actress Demi
7. Hit for Canadian band Big Sugar: 4 wds.
8. Astute
9. Villains in movies
10. Spots in number sequences
11. Bridal accessory
12. And others, for short: 2 wds.
13. TV brand
18. Beach
23. Moos, cluck-clucks, baas ...and what other farm sounds?
24. Ticket remnants
25. "Easy Livin'" by _ Heep
26. Fragment
28. "Die Hard: _ _ Vengeance" (1995)
29. Squirrel's snack
30. Brewer's _
33. Brand/business symbols
36. Mothers to forest cubs, say: 2 wds.
38. Stringently
41. Leaps
43. Works by Spain's famous single-named muralist
46. "Crocodile _" (1986)
48. Canadian singer Ms. Dion
50. Laissez-_
51. Diana of "The Avengers"
52. Singleton
53. "Bah!"
55. Barenaked Ladies tune
56. Tune
57. Snick-or-_

# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20
This afternoon is an excellent time for business and commerce. Trust your moneymaking ideas. Business-related travel is likely. Enjoy!

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21
Today gets better as it wears on. By this afternoon, you feel upbeat and keen to socialize. Because you are so positive, people will enjoy your company.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21
Today you have an overall sense of well-being. In turn, this might prompt you to do a good deed for someone or practice a kindness.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23
This is a wonderful, popular day! Group activities will be successful this afternoon and this evening. A friend might help you with domestic or family activity.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23
It's easy to make a great impression on bosses, parents and VIPs today, especially in the afternoon. (Because others are so impressed with you, use this time to ask for what you want.)

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
After midday, it's a great time to make travel plans for the future. It's also a profitable time to explore publishing, the media, medicine and the law. Just do it!

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a curious day. Do nothing this morning; however, the afternoon is an excellent time to settle disputes about shared property. It's also a good time to discuss inheritances or get a loan or a mortgage.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Relations with others are warm and friendly today! Enjoy schmoozing with partners and close friends, especially later in the day.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Things will go well at work today. Relations with co-workers are positive, in addition to which, you will enjoy work-related travel later in the day.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
New love might occur for some of you today. All of you will have a fun-loving day, especially in the afternoon and evening. Enjoy sports events, playful times with children and the arts.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is an excellent day for real-estate deals if you wait until after the noon hour. Anytime in the afternoon and evening are profitable times for family gatherings.

**Pisces**
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a happy day for you simply because you're in a positive frame of mind. Well, everything starts with a thought, doesn't it?

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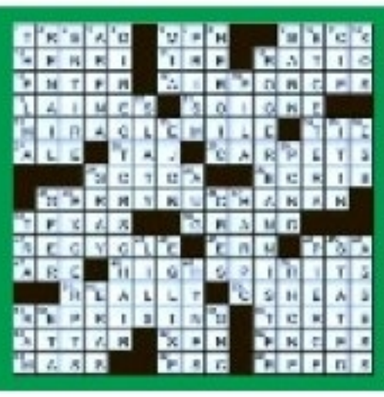

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